

Agricultural.

Delit and Humor.



Hints for this Week.

I. Do up your work on the road now, if possible. Why? Because you must begin buying soon, and you can't spend the time then. Because the work done now, will give you the use of the improvement all summer. Because if you wait till next year, you might almost as well wait till next year.

II. Take good care of your sleeping room. Provide a good supply of fresh air in them during the day, and good ventilation by night. But do not allow a current of night air—especially in damp districts—to blow directly on your bed. This is perilous.

III. Unless your well or spring gives you soft water, have a filter, and filter your water through it for your drinking water. The well water, in a large portion of the West, has in solution corrosive matter, which irritates the alimentary canal. Unless the water in your well or spring filters through sand, or sand rock, it is not entirely safe. Ordinary rain water, even without filtering, is healthier.

IV. Be well clad if you are out early in the morning, or late in the evening. Colds are taken by exposure in the evening especially, which sow the seeds of fatal disease. A very little care might avoid most of them. The farmer is more liable than most others to these perils, unless he exercises peculiar caution. His system, wearied by toil in the hot sun, enjoys the coldness of the twilight greatly. But without proper protection, he is less able, from his very fatigue, to resist the tendency to fever, which the dew may distill into his veins. We do not propose to turn doctor. But a little common sense is never, we trust, out of place.

[O. Farmer.]

THE ROSE-COLORED WENDOLA. [Wendola Rose.]—A hardy shrub, discovered by Mr. Fortune, in the garden of a Mandarin, on the island of Chusan, China, along with others of great beauty. This shrub grows to the height of four feet, and in May and June, is covered with its beautiful rose-colored flowers, changing to white. They proceed from the axils of the leaves, and ends of the branches, and are one inch and a quarter across. As an ornamental plant, it is extremely desirable, having withstood the cold of the past winter without injury. It grows in any good garden soil, and is propagated by cuttings, with as much ease as the willow, either in the fall or spring.

ROSES IN BUDS OR GROUPS.—No flower-garden is complete without abundance of monthly roses, as well as other sorts; they are the brightest, most delicate-looking, and greenest-leaved of garden productions, giving no trouble, and speedily forming a beautiful screen against any unsightly object. Climbing roses are perfectly hardy, rapid growers, with luxuriant foliage, and bear immense clusters of beautiful flowers of all shades, blooming to a late period. The perpetual or ever-blooming roses bloom during the fall season; they are of vigorous growth, fine foliage, and rich in their colors, ranging from pure white to deep brilliant scarlet, and even very dark purple, or almost black. The Bourbons, as a class, are more tender than the perpetuals, but are thrifty growers, continual bloomers, and handsomely leaved; they bloom in large clusters, and are very lasting, their best season being the autumn. Roses love a good soil; and fresh manure applied to them every two or three years, or manure dug around them annually, preserves them in constant vigor and beauty. Shoots of roses should be laid down and pegged like layers, only, without gashing, when the flowers are in bloom, will root and become plants in the autumn.

Harvest Drink.

We cannot do better at this approaching season of hard work, than republish the following receipt for harvest drink:—

Water, thirty-three gallons; sharp vinegar, one do.; Molasses, one and four do.; ground ginger, one fourth pound.

This will last thirty hands until dinner time, when as much more may be mixed up to serve until night. It is carried to the field dilly in a cart and moved about after the hands, each one of whom is limited to a cocoanut full at a time, with or without ice, (they are to drink nothing else.)

The ice is added with approbation, by many who have tried it with excellent results. But when ice may not be had, the drink is considered by all who have used it, as healthy and refreshing; superseding entirely the use of spirituous drinks of every kind.

PEA WEVES.—Few persons (says Dr. Harris) while indulging in early green peas, are aware how many of these insects they swallow. When these pods are examined, small discolored spots may be seen within each corresponding with a similar spot on the opposite whitish grub, without feet, will be found therein. It is the weevil in its larva form that lives upon the marrow of the pea, and arrives at its full size by the time the pea is dry. The larva then bores a round hole, from the hollow in the centre of the pea, quite to the hull, but leaves the germ of the future sprout untouched. This insect is limited to a certain period for depositing its eggs. Late sown peas escape its attacks. Those sown after the 10th of June are generally safe.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.—A gentleman of experience in agricultural pursuits assures the Stockton Republican that smut may be prevented by soaking the wheat in a solution of blue vitriol for 24 hours before sowing.

He states that in the west, where this receipt has been used by the farmers, it has never been known to fail in freeing wheat from smut; and that in experiments made by soaking the seed sown on an acre of land, it was found that not a head of smutty wheat could be discovered; while wheat raised from the same seed, sown on the same soil, without soaking, was found to be smutty. The quantity of vitriol used was about four ounces to every bushel of wheat.

CUCUMBERS.—The Maine Cultivator says:—

"When a cucumber is taken from the vines let it be cut with a knife, leaving about the eighth of an inch of the cucumber on the stem, then slit the stem with a knife from its end to the vine, leaving a small portion of the cucumber on each division, and on each separate slit there will be new cucumbers as large as first. Those wishing to raise large quantities of this article for pickles, will do well to try the experiment."

Jonathan and Jemima.

The subjoined "over true tale" told by the Lowell American Citizen, is another evidence of the truth of the old saying, that "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip," and that the course of true love, after running for a time as smoothly as the nature of the case will permit, is sometimes suddenly and entirely impeded by insurmountable obstructions:

Polly Peabodess might have been the name of a very pretty Green Mountain girl at work in one of our Lowell mills, and Ezekiah Winkle the name of a rough specimen of a homespun, who had courted and become "engaged" to Polly before she left home. He came to pay her a visit, a short time since, and to set the time for their wedding-day—Polly to return to Vermont, and superintend domestic duties on Ezekiah's farm. One evening they took a stroll out, and called at a refreshment saloon, invested liberally in kisses and bonbons, and on their return, Ezekiah unfortunately missed his wallet, containing a round one hundred dollars. Of course, Ezekiah was "knocked all in a heap," at his loss, and instituted a search wherever he thought it might avail anything, but all without success. At length—we do not know how it was bro't about—Ezekiah was led to suspect Dolly, and being of a frank nature—commonly called "blunt"—he insinuated his suspicions to her. This time Polly was "knocked all in a heap," and her mother's "grit" getting aroused, she gave her lover a piece of her mind, for his insinuation—a most excellent Roland for his Oliver. This roused Ezekiah, and a lively "scene" ensued. At last Polly took to crying, and Ezekiah, with his money lost, and his love greatly wounded, "put out" for his boarding-house, feeling as though he would be much more at home at the bottom of the "racing canal," than in bed; but he concluded that the weather was not warm enough for comfortable drowning, and so he sought his lodgings. As Ezekiah gained them, and pulled off one of his boots, preparatory to his retiring to his bed—but no rest—lo! out dropped the missing wallet, money all safe! At this discovery, Ezekiah danced a hornpipe over the floor, with one boot on, and would have acted still more extravagantly, had he not suddenly recalled the condition in which he had left Polly. Catching his hat, he was half-way down stairs before he recollected the boot he had left behind. Rectifying the mistake, he was soon at the door of her boarding-house. Polly was a-bed. "Tell her I've found it—in my boot-leg; it is all right," was the message sent up by the joyous Ezekiah. But he had made a mistake. It wasn't all right. Polly's wounded honor was not to be thus healed—with a breath; and the next morning Ezekiah was duly notified that Polly had concluded not to superintend his domestic arrangements in Vermont, and also that he was expected to return, at his earliest convenience, whatever in the shape of notes and other valuables he might hold of Polly's, and that she stood ready to serve him in the like manner. In vain Ezekiah implored—Polly was inexorable; and the next day he departed for Vermont, thinking that the fuss he made over that one hundred dollars was the means of losing him as good as a thousand in domestic help on his farm.

MORAL: Think twice, and look once in your boot-leg, before you accuse your intended of stealing your port-monnaie.

Impudent Questions.

To ask an unmarried lady exactly how old she is.

To ask a lawyer if he ever told a lie.

To ask a doctor how many persons he has ever killed.

To ask a minister if he ever did anything that was wrong.

To ask a merchant if he ever cheated a customer.

To ask an editor the name of his correspondents.

Home and Woman.—The following lines are extremely well done:

Home is a man's ark when trouble springs;
When gathering tempests shade the morn;
And woman's love the bird that brings
His peace branch o'er a flood of sorrow.

A good anecdote is told of Ali Pacha, the Sultan's grand vizier, now in Paris. A few evenings ago a lady, to whom this gentleman was introduced at a soiree, hazarded the naive question, "Is the Turk married?" "A great deal, madam," was the Turk's reply.

As the purple hue of the evening cloud vanishes, and naught but a dull gray mass remains—so is the death of man—the departure, the fading away of the light of the soul from the body.

"Have you got the Catechism, Jenny?" said a female visitor to a little yellow haired girl. "Mamma," exclaimed little Willie, "did I ever have the Catechism?" He thought it was a new complaint; but it is an old one, especially with children.

EARLY ATTACHMENT.—The attachments of youth rarely ripen into the warm and enduring love of maturity. Like early spring buds, they are withered by the frosts of experience, or fade into dim recollection of their transient beauty.

"I am a stranger in a strange place," said a clergyman on entering a printing office.

"And you will be a stranger to a better place, replied typographer, 'if you do not practice what you preach.'"

In one of the rural districts a small grocery store bears a sign with the following inscription:—

"Hot coffee too ginger and spruce bear picles doemts bled Eggs pigs fetes and fresh sarsiges sold hear."

Also fresh and skinned milk warranted pure and no warter.

Broken glass and Chana taken in pairt paye

No ardent liker kept hear."

A western editor suggests as a good rallying cry for the Black Republicans: "Millions for black wool, but not one cent for white sheep."

COMPLEMENTARY.—A friend down south writing to the editor of the Greensborough Democrat, says:

"I would like to see you down here, I think you would like it, fishing, hunting, drinkin, lyin, and eatin, and the rekists for a grate man down hear and I think you'd fill the bill exactly."

Modesty and talents make a slim capital on which to make a fortune.

D. N. MURRAY & CO.,

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY, SIGN OF THE PADLOCK, FRONT ST., PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

WE are now in receipt of one of the largest and most general stocks of Hardware ever before opened in the market—and being determined to supply Furnace Owners and Country Merchants at prices far below what they can procure the same in Pittsburgh or Cincinnati, all we ask is that they call and examine our stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere, as we believe they will find it to their interest to do so.

CARPENTER'S TOOLS.

We request Carpenters to call and look at our stock of these goods, as we believe for superior quality and the finish they cannot be excelled, having been manufactured expressly to order for this market.

Our stock of Spring Hardware is now complete, such as Traces Chains, Corn and Garden Hoes, Garden Rakes, Scythes, Snathes, Hay Forks and Rakes, &c. &c.—in fact, being determined not to be a whit behind any market, in point of a full stock and low prices, we ask all of our customers and as many new ones as feel disposed, to give us a call when they visit our city.

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Notions! Notions!

OUR stock of Notions for Jobbing is complete, in our Notion Room on the second story. We ask country merchants and others to call and examine our price and assortment before purchasing, as they will there find everything they want—such as Needles, Pins, Combs of all kinds, Thimbles, Port Monies and Wallets, Buttons, Neckties, Japanese Ware, and in fact everything in the notion line, at prices far below what they can be obtained elsewhere.

may 22 D. N. MURRAY & CO.

CLOCKS! CLOCKS!

WE have on hand and are to receive a large assortment of cheap Clocks for sale low by the case. Also, fine and fancy clocks at wholesale or retail.

[may 22] D. N. MURRAY & CO.

WM. POLAND,

Wholesale Grocer

AND DEALER IN IMPORTED & DOMESTIC

WINE AND LIQUORS,

TEAS, TOBACCO & CIGARS,

WATER ST., COR. ALLEY BETW. PAINT & WALNUT, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO.

SUNDRIES.—New Orleans, Leaf, Crushed and Pulverized Sugar; Rio and Java Coffee, Cattle, plain and Fancy Soap; Star, Mound and Dipped Candles; Prunes, Raisins, Almonds, Salmon, Catfish, Lemon Syrup, Pepper Sauce, Salsiceras, Indigo, Madras, Nutmegs, Ground and Whole Spices, &c., &c., for sale.

WM. POLAND, Water-st. Chillicothe.

GROCERIES.—120 packages Y. H., Imp'l and Black Teas; 35 lbs prime N. O. Sugar, 13 lbs Loaf Sugar, 35 bags Rio Coffee, &c., for sale by WM. POLAND, Water-st. Chillicothe.

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WINE AND LIQUORS.

Dark and Light Champagnes, Sparkling and Still Wines; Port, Madeira, Sherry, Libanon, Malaga, Muscat, and Claret Wines; Bourbon, Rye, Monongahela and Rectified Whisky.

WM. POLAND, Water-st. Chillicothe.

May 22, 1856—1y

Marion & Cincinnati & Hillsborough RAILROADS.

OPENED TO ATHENS,

157 MILES EAST OF CINCINNATI

DAILY TRAINS BETWEEN ATHENS AND CINCINNATI.

TIME CHANGED.—On and after Monday, the 24th of June, 1856, and until further notice, the trains will run as follows:

FIRST TRAIN leaves Chillicothe at 5.00 A. M. and arrives at Cincinnati at 10.45 A. M. and at Columbus at 2.20 P. M.

SECOND TRAIN leaves Chillicothe after the arrival of the train from Athens and Portsmouth at 12.30 P. M., and arrives at Cincinnati at 4.40 P. M. and at Columbus at 11.00 P. M.

THIRD TRAIN leaves Chillicothe at 6.00 A. M. and arrives at Chillicothe at 10.30 A. M., and connects with train for Athens, Portsmouth, Zanesville, Jackson and intermediate points.

FOURTH TRAIN leaves Chillicothe at 8.30 P. M. and arrives at Chillicothe at 9.25 P. M. and at Hillsborough at 6.45 P. M.

FIFTH TRAIN leaves Chillicothe at 2.50 P. M. on the arrival of the train from Cincinnati, and arrives at Athens at 5.50 P. M., where it connects with stages for Marietta, Portsmouth, Parkersburg and other points, and, returning, leaves Athens at 6.00 A. M., and arrives at Chillicothe at 10.30 A. M., connecting with the train for Cincinnati, Hillsborough and Columbus.

W. R. ARTHUR, Sup't.

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FRESH ARRIVAL OF

SPRING AND SUMMER

CLOTHING!

J. N. McLAUGHLIN, Merchant Tailor, has just opened a new and splendid assortment of Spring and Summer Goods, &c., &c., together with Trimmings, which he is prepared to manufacture to suit and not to fail. He has also just received an excellent assortment of ready-made Spring and summer suits, &c., &c., which he is prepared to sell well made. Also, Furnishing Goods, consisting in part of Shirts, Undershirts, Gloves, Suspenders, Cravats, Pocket Handkerchiefs, &c., &c. Experienced workmen in constant employ, and all orders promptly filled. Call at the old stand of G. W. & A. J. Dunkle, opposite J. K. & D. Will, before purchasing clothing elsewhere.

J. N. McLAUGHLIN, McArthur, O., April 17, 1856—no354f

NEW GOODS,

JUST RECEIVED AT

E. A. BRATTON'S

FIRST DOOR EAST OF COURT HOUSE, McARTHUR, OHIO.

CONSISTING, in part, of every variety of Ladies Dressing Goods, &c.

SPRING AND SUMMER

which I will sell at the lowest cash prices for the same style and quality of goods, viz: Prints, Delaines, Ginghams, Lawns, Gingham Lawns, Embroideries, Table Linens, Diaper, Cash, Sheetings, Muslins, Swiss, Bobinet, Ribbons, Dress Trimmings, &c., &c.

—ALSO—

A large assortment of GLOVES, and HOSIERY, for Ladies, Misses and Children;

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

Coats, Vests, Pants, Collars, Gloves, and Hosiery;

BOOTS AND SHOES,

for Ladies, Misses, and Children.

HATS AND CAPS,

of every color, and at prices to suit all.

Bonnets, Hats, and Palm hats, with a good variety of Gimp, and other fancy goods.

GROCERIES

still continue to be the best the market affords.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

a good assortment, with a great variety of Port Monies, Pocket Books, Purses, Penknives, and all kinds of Notions. Call and see for yourselves.

April 17, 1856—85-4f

Bedstead & Chair Factory.

E. P. BOTHWELL,

DESIRE to inform all the citizens of this community, that he keeps constantly on hand, a superior article of Bedsteads, Chairs, and other Furniture which he offers for sale on reasonable terms. He is also prepared to do various kinds of Turnery, with neatness and dispatch. He promises fair bargains, and solicits the patronage of the public.

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PURSELL & GORDON.

(SUCCESSORS OF PURSELL, GORDON & CO.)

WARE, CHINA AND GLASS. Also Lamps and Table Cutlery, No. 1, Enterprise Buildings, Front Street, Portsmouth Ohio.

Assortments selected and packed by us for Furnace Stores and the country trade, always on hand.

W. H. BROWN, WM. S. BROWN.

W. H. BROWN & CO.,

DEALERS IN BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, CARRYALLS, &c., Next door to P. Kinney & Co.'s Bank, Front Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

have received an entirely new and very heavy stock of the above named articles, and are prepared to accommodate customers at the lowest prices. Orders respectfully solicited.

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C. P. CHANDLER & CO.

WHOLESALE GROCERS & PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Market St., Portsmouth, Ohio. Always on hand a large assortment of Groceries, which will be sold on favorable terms. Furnace orders promptly attended to, and all orders promptly filled—95-3m

H. E. BROWN,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, Market Street, two doors from the State Bank, Portsmouth, Ohio. Watches and clocks cleaned and repaired carefully, and warranted. Jewelry repaired, Hair Work executed, &c.

V. D. L. TRACY. JOHN S. DAVIS.

TRACY & DAVIS,

(SUCCESSORS TO J. W. DAVIS & CO.)

PRODUCE AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, FURNACE AGENTS and dealers in Grain of all kinds; Agents for the sale of the "LITTLE GIANT CORN AND COB MILL," Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. no36-f

CUTLER & BROWN,

IMPORTERS OF AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC LIQUORS.

NO. 2, FIG IRON CORNER, FRONT STREET, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

A FULL AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT of Rye, Bourbon and Rectified Whiskey. Also, pure Handies, Wines, &c., &c. Particular attention paid to country traders and their orders are solicited. Cash paid for country produce.

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J. L. HIBBS, GEO. HERED.

HIBBS & HERED

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN HARDWARE

and Sign of the Golden Anvil, Portsmouth, O.

237 Fine Cutlery and Plated Ware, Looking Glasses, Clocks, building Materials, Carpenters', Blacksmith's and Cooper's Tools; Lead Pipe, Shovels, Chisels, Picks, axes, saws, Stools, Iron and Nails.

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HANGING ROCK FOUNDRY

WAREHOUSE.

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

ANDREW O'NEILL. P. W. HUNTER.

O'NEILL & HUNTER,

COPPER SMITHS AND PLUMBERS, TIN Plate and Sheet Iron Workers, Wholesale Dealers in and Manufacturers of Coal and Wood Cooking, Parlor, Dining Room and Office Stoves; Ranges and Furnaces, Grates and Mantels, Sheet Copper, Tin Plate, Pressed Bottoms, Sheet Iron, wire, Rivets, Block Tin, Lead, &c., always on hand. Orders respectfully solicited.

237 Address O'NEILL & HUNTER, Portsmouth, Ohio. no36f

New Store! New Goods!!

WARD, WALLER & CONE,

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

Foreign & Domestic Hardware,

CORNER OF MARKET AND SECOND STS., PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED, AND ARE NOW opening one of the largest and best selected stocks of Hardware ever brought to this city, which in point of price and quality for cheapness, far surpasses anything ever offered here.

Our stock in part consists of Table and Pocket Cutlery, Shavers, Razors, Files, Augurs, Draw-Saws, Chisels, Axes, and heavy weights; Cross-Cut, Mill and Circular do., Hatchets, Hands and Broad Axes, Foot Adzes, Scythes, Forks, Hoes, Shovels, Anvils, Bellows, Sledges, &c.

Have also in store and for sale: 150 lbs Iron Assorted, Bar and Square, Band and Horse-shoe; Hoop and Dandy Tire, Round Saddle-tree, &c.

Also, in store and for sale, 500 Kegs of Nails, best brands; 300 boxes Window Glass; 150 dozen Shovels; and 10 dozen Wheel-Barrows.

We also manufacture and now have on hand and for sale:

200 Lever Pumps, Nos. 2, 3 and 5;

50 Steel do.;

50 Pioneer do.;

250 do. do.;

50 doz. Mattocks;

25 doz. Picks.

All of which we warrant to be of the very best quality.

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A. P. OSBORN,

DEALER IN

LEATHER AND FINDINGS,

of all kinds,

NO. 5 MARKET ST. PORTSMOUTH, O.

HAS just received a complete stock for the Spring and Summer trade, to which he respectfully invites the attention of the trade, such as:—

Black and heavy weights; Upper do. Philad's Kip and Calf Skins; Laco do. French do. do. Country do. do. Morocco, Lining, Bindings, &c.

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H. DENSMORE & CO.,

IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC LIQUORS,

Also, Ale, Cider and Mineral Water,

NO. 6, FRONT ST., (OLD STAND OF BUGH REILLY), PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

THE above named firm would respectfully inform the citizens of Vinton and the adjoining counties, that they are prepared to fill orders for anything in their line on the shortest notice and at the lowest rates.

They have on hand a large stock and are constantly receiving direct from Europe the best brands of French and German Wines, and Holland Gin, Brandy, &c., particularly designed for medicinal purposes. Also, a very extensive quantity of Domestic Liquors of assorted kinds and various brands.

The firm intend to make it the interest of dealers to trade with them, by means of fair dealing, strict attention to business and small profits. Of this fact, the trade will become convinced by giving the firm a fair trial.

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NOTICE TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.

THE Board of School Examiners of Vinton county, will hold their regular meetings for the examination of candidates on the First Saturday of every Month, at the School Room in McArthur, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

At every examination a certificate of good moral character, recently signed by at least two responsible persons, will be required of each candidate. By order of the Board.

dec6-56-1y O. T. GUNNING, Sec'y.

F. SMITH, TINNER.

A. Hamden, Ohio, respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.

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SECOND SPRING STOCK.

J. F. TOWELL, (Survivor of Purcell & Gordon & Co.) Portsmouth, O. Having just opened our second stock of Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Bonnets and Notions, we invite an early call from our friends and customers.

Many styles of foreign goods have declined during the last few weeks, we are enabled to offer such goods at very low prices.

Our stock in extent will be found as large as any other establishment in the city, and will be